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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Philipp LANG et al.

Serial No.: 10/681,749

Filing Date: October 7, 2003

Title: MINIMALLY INVASIVE JOINT IMPLANT
WITH 3-DIMENSIONAL GEOMETRY
MATCHING THE ARTICULAR
SURFACES

Examiner: Not Assigned

Group Art Unit: 3738

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sirs:

Entry of the following amendments prior to substantive examination is respectfully requested.